

**NATIONAL YOUNG PERFORMER AWARDS
2020 CRITERIA FOR TROUPES**



- A. Competitors will be under 25 years as at 1st of October 2020. Competitors may only compete in **ONE** nominated Troupe/Group per Studio or Educational Institution.
 - B. Each Troupe will be nominated at a Member Society Competition by performing in any dance genre pertinent to the Competition they enter. This competition is for amateur troupes only and is not open to professionals*.
 - C. There will be a maximum time limit of five minutes, taken from the beginning to the conclusion of the music. A penalty of 5 marks will be imposed if the time limit is exceeded by 10 seconds or more.
 - D. Troupes who gain nomination **must** be able to attend the National Young Performer Competition which will be held in Palmerston North. Compulsory Registration/Orientation will be on the evening of Thursday 15th and the Competition will be on Friday 16th October 2020.
 - E. A Final will be held on the afternoon of Friday 16th October, with up to **18 Troupes** recalled to perform. The number of Troupes in the Final may change, at the discretion of the Adjudicator(s)
 - F. The winning Troupe will be announced at the completion of Competition on the Friday and it would be appreciated if the group were available to perform at the Final Award Concert on Sunday night 18th October 2020.
- A. Costumes, choreography & music should be appropriate to the age of both the competitors and suitable for a family audience.

NEW RULES

- B. Once a Troupe Item has received a Nomination, it is no longer eligible to enter another Nomination class. The Studio name and the genre of the nominated item will be published on the PACANZ website as soon as PACANZ is notified by the nominating Society.
- C. The Item receiving a Nomination will be **substantially** the same Item when it is performed at the National Young Performer Awards on 16th October 2020. The genre and theme will be the same with minor alterations allowed in music, choreography, dancer number and costuming.
- D. Troupe nominations are subject to challenge and possible disqualification if the above criteria are not adhered to.

NB. *The **CLOSING DATES** will be relative to the date of Nomination. Troupe members' names and ages & entry fee will need to be submitted on the Official Entry by the closing date. Nominees in the Troupe section are required to include performance copies of their music in MP3 format when submitting their entry, and a list of the titles and composer and/or artists for each piece. The FINAL DATE for submitting music is 4th September 2020.*

SOCIETY NOMINATION

Each Society, which is a financial member of PACANZ, may nominate **ONE Troupe****, who shall be selected by the adjudicator, based on a performance at the Member Society Competition.

The adjudicator will determine that the Troupe has displayed a sufficient standard of performance to competently represent that society at the National Troupe Finals.

The standard required will be at the absolute discretion of the adjudicator but will include:

- A demonstration of adequate preparation
- An authority of performance
- A performance with a level of expertise commensurate with a national final competition.

If the adjudicator considers that sufficient standard has **NOT** been reached by any Troupe, then **NO** nomination will be made.

The nominated Troupe is responsible for paying the entry fee to the National Young Performer Awards, which is **\$250.00 incl gst.**

* A professional is someone whose primary employment is being paid to perform or work in the performing arts. For the present purposes, being a student constitutes “primary employment” and therefore is not seen as a Professional. For the Student who receives payment for participation, either teaching or performing, this should not impose professional status on a person if it is by way only of an occasional bonus or benefit rather than their principal means of earning a livelihood. The exception to this is a participating teacher who may perform.

** As some Societies split their dance genres and run large Competitions with different Judges and/or at different times of the year, they will be able to nominate more than one Troupe to represent their Society.

** If a Society has 25 or more Troupes that enter and compete for a Troupe Nomination, then they are entitled to offer an additional Nomination. This applies to every multiple of 25 Troupes that enter and compete for a Troupe Nomination. Therefore –

1-24 Troupes = 1 Nomination

25 Troupes = 1 additional Nomination

50 Troupes = 2 additional Nominations

75 Troupes = 3 additional Nominations